AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (currently amended) A fore posture gaiter posture device for a horse; comprising athe fore posture horse leg gaiter comprising having a weight and a means of attaching the fore posture horse leg gaiter on a leg of the horse above the knee of the horse and wherein the gaiter is only on the leg and is not on the torso of the horse, and wherein the fore posture gaiter is realized in such a way as to be placed on a leg of the horse and above a knee of the horse.
- 2. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that it is directed according to a predefined orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.
- 3. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 2, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way as to be directed towards the inside of the horse.
- 4. (currently amended) A hind-posture gaiter posture device for a horse, comprising a hind posture horse leg gaiter comprising having a weight and a means of attaching the hind posture horse leg gaiter on a leg of the horse, wherein the gaiter is realized in such a way that the weight is completely disposed in an upper half portion the upper part of the gaiter and the weight is disposed for location above aclose to a hock of the horse.
- 5. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 4, wherein the gaiter is realized in such a way as to be fixed below the hock.

- 6. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 4, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that it is directed according to a predefined orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.
- 7. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 6, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way as to be directed towards the inside of the horse.
- 8. (currently amended) A <u>method of using use of a weighted fore posture gaiter for a horse comprising:</u>
 - a) selecting a fore posture horse leg gaiter having a weight, and
- b) attaching the fore posture horse leg gaiter on a fore leg of the horse above the knee of the horse and wherein the gaiter is only on the leg and is not on the torso of the horse, wherein the gaiter is fixed above a knee of the horse.
- 9. (currently amended) A <u>method of using use of a weighted hind posture gaiter for a horse comprising:</u>
- a) selecting a hind posture horse leg gaiter having a weight completely disposed in an upper half portion of the gaiter, and
- b) attaching the hind posture horse leg gaiter on a hind leg of the horse, and wherein the weight is disposed close to a hock of the horse, wherein the gaiter is fixed below a hock.
 - 10. (canceled)
- 11. (currently amended) The <u>method of</u> use of a weighted hind posture gaiter as claimed in claim 9, wherein the weight is set in the upper part of the gaiter.
- 12. (previously presented) The gaiter as claimed in claim 5, wherein the weight is disposed on the gaiter in such a way that the weight is directed according to a predefined

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orientation when the gaiter is fixed on the horse.